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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following Amendment and Remarks in response to the Final Office Action of July 3, 2003.

Claims 1-28 were pending in this application. Claims 7-11 and 14-28 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-3 and 13 were rejected, and claims 4-6 and 12 were indicated as allowable by the Examiner if re-drafted to include all the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitation of claim 4, and thus submits that claims 1-6 are now allowable over the art. Applicants have also amended claim 12 to include all the limitations of its parent claim and intervening claims. Applicants have further added new claims 29-33, which mirror claims 2-6 to give Applicant the full scope of allowed claims.

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Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Lindsay McGuinness, Applicants' Attorney at 978-264-6664 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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